

**Introduced by Senator Lara**

February 22, 2013

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An act to amend Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions Code, relating to Medi-Cal.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 640, as introduced, Lara. Medi-Cal.

The Medi-Cal Act establishes the Medi-Cal program, which is administered by the State Department of Health Care Services, under which qualified low-income individuals receive health care services. The Medi-Cal program is, in part, governed and funded by federal Medicaid Program provisions. Existing law provides that the purpose of the Medi-Cal Act is to afford to qualifying individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services, including related social services that are necessary for those receiving health care.

This bill would make a technical, nonsubstantive change to those provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section 14000 of the Welfare and Institutions
- 2 Code is amended to read:
- 3 14000. The purpose of this chapter is to afford to qualifying
- 4 individuals health care and related remedial or preventive services,
- 5 including related social services ~~which~~ *that* are necessary for those
- 6 receiving health care under this chapter.

1 The intent of the Legislature is to provide, to the extent  
2 practicable, through the provisions of this chapter, for health care  
3 for those aged and other persons, including family persons who  
4 lack sufficient annual income to meet the costs of health care, and  
5 whose other assets are so limited that their application toward the  
6 costs of such care would jeopardize the person or family's future  
7 minimum self-maintenance and security. It is intended that  
8 whenever possible and feasible:

9 (a) The means employed shall allow, to the extent practicable,  
10 eligible persons to secure health care in the same manner employed  
11 by the public generally, and without discrimination or segregation  
12 based purely on their economic disability. The means employed  
13 shall include an emphasis on efforts to arrange and encourage  
14 access to health care through enrollment in organized, managed  
15 care plans of the type available to the general public.

16 (b) The benefits available under this chapter shall not duplicate  
17 those provided under other federal or state laws or under other  
18 contractual or legal entitlements of the person or persons receiving  
19 them.

20 (c) In the administration of this chapter and in establishing the  
21 means to be used to provide access to health care to persons eligible  
22 under this chapter, the department shall emphasize and take  
23 advantage of both the efficient organization and ready accessibility  
24 and availability of health care facilities and resources through  
25 enrollment in managed health care plans and new and innovative  
26 fee-for-service managed health care plan approaches to the delivery  
27 of health care services.